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1. SUGGESTED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS AND TOASTS
FOR CLIFFORD MISSION FOLLOW:

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT: FIRST MAY I SAY THAT I AM VERY
PLEASED TO BE HERE AS THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
PRESIDENT CARTER. I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
THE POLITICAL LEADERS HERE, TO UNDERLINE AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE
THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO A JUST AND PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT ON CYPRUS, AND TO ASSESS WAYS IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES
CAN USEFULLY ASSIST THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. IN THIS
REGARD, I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES FULLY
SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM
AND WELCOMES THE ENCOURAGING RESULTS OF THE RECENT MEETINGS
BETWEEN PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER,
MR. DENKTASH. WE HOPE THESE MEETINGS AND THE POSITIVE
ATMOSPHERE WHICH THEY HAVE CREATED SIGNIFY THE BEGIN-
NING OF A SERIOUS, SUSTAINED, AND SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE
BETWEEN THE CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES. IT IS ONLY THROUGH
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SUCH A DIALOGUE THAT THE PARTIES THEMSELVES WILL BE
ABLE TO DISCUSS DIRECTLY THEIR MUTUAL CONCERNS AND RESOLVE
THE PRESSING HUMAN AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS.

3. DEPARTURE STATEMENT: I BELIEVE MY BRIEF VISIT HERE
AND MY TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT
LEADER, MR. DENKTASH, AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN MOST USEFUL.

I DEPART WITH AN IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM; WITH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE; AND WITH THE CONVICTION THAT, WITH GOODWILL AND DETERMINED EFFORT, A JUST SETTLEMENT CAN BE REACHED WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF ALL CYPRIOTS WITHIN A STABLE, PROSPEROUS, AND INDEPENDENT CYPRUS.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT ESSENTIALLY SAME TOAST CAN BE USED AT BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, WITH APPROPRIATE CHANGES OF TITLES AND ADDRESSES. SUGGESTED TOAST FOLLOWS:

(YOUR BEATITUDE, EXCELLENCIES/YOUR EXCELLENCY AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:)

I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND HOSPITALITY TODAY AND FOR THE FRIENDLY, CANDID, AND COOPERATIVE SPIRIT WHICH HAVE MARKED OUR DISCUSSIONS. NO ONE CAN VISIT CYPRUS AND NOT BE STRUCK BY THE HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDLINESS OF HER PEOPLE. NOR CAN ONE DEPART WITHOUT A DEEP SENSE OF THE HUMAN PROBLEMS HERE AND OF THE URGENT NEED TO RESOLVE THEM.

PRESIDENT CARTER, AS YOU KNOW, HAS ASKED ME TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT DURING THIS TRIP OF THE PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE I WOULD NOT WANT TO MINIMIZE THE DIFFICULTIES AND OBSTACLES WHICH LIE AHEAD, I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT THAT CYPRIOT LEADERS IN BOTH COMMUNITIES RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION; THAT AN IMPORTANT BEGIN-

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NING HAS BEEN MADE TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINED, SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE; AND THAT PROGRESS IS INDEED POSSIBLE, PROVIDED THERE IS GOODWILL, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, AND A GENUINE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE.

THE UNITED STATES, YOU MAY BE SURE, FULLY SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM ON CYPRUS AND STANDS READY TO ASSIST THE PARTIES IN MOVING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS FORWARD. WHILE WE ARE READY TO DO OUR SHARE, THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY MUST INEVITABLY FALL ON THE PARTIES CONCERNED. IT IS THEY WHO MUST FIND A WAY TO LIVE TOGETHER, THEY WHO MUST MAKE THE DIFFICULT DECISIONS, AND THEY WHO MUST TAKE THE ENLIGHTENED AND COURAGEOUS STEPS WHICH ALONE CAN MAKE A SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE.

IN CONCLUDING, I WISH TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO (YOUR BEATITUDE/ YOUR EXCELLENCY) AND TO THE VISION OF A CYPRUS AT PEACE WITH ITSELF AND WITH THE WORLD; A CYPRUS WHICH IS PROSPEROUS,

FREE, AND INDEPENDENT; A CYPRUS IN WHICH ALL HER PEOPLE,
GREEKS AND TURKS ALIKE, CAN LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY.
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